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SOUTHEAST ALASKA/YAKUTAT SPRING TROLL FISHERY

Sitka . . . The Alaska Department of Fish and Game announced today the following information concerning the commercial spring troll fishery:

With concerns over encounters of depressed Southeast Alaska/Yakutat wild Chinook salmon stocks, the department closed all spring troll fisheries May 28. After considering the historic run timing of these stocks and previous years' spring troll coded wire tag recoveries during late June, the department will re-open select spring troll Chinook and chum salmon fisheries beginning June 15. Timing of returns to the Chilkat, Taku, and Stikine rivers suggest that these fish are in far terminal areas or inriver by this time. In contrast, Unuk River Chinook are delayed in their return timing and are present throughout corridor spring troll areas in southern inside waters during June. Accordingly, most spring troll fisheries in Districts 101 and 102 will not re-open.

The following terminal harvest areas (THA) **will remain open until further notice:**

Neets Bay THA (101-95), Anita Bay THA (107-35), Port Armstrong THA (109-11), and Hidden Falls THA (112-22)

SCHEDULE OF SPRING TROLL OPENINGS:

Ketchikan area:

West Rock (101-21)	Closed for season
Ketchikan Area (101-29)	Closed for season
Mountain Point (101-45)*	June 15–16; June 19–21
Stone Rock Bay (102-09)	Closed for season
Kendrick Bay (102-10)	Closed for season
West Clarence Strait (102-50)	Closed for season

*Modified boundary, see new area description on page 2.

Wrangell/Prince of Wales area:

Bucareli Bay (103-50)	June 15–16; June 19–20
South Sumner Strait (105-41)	June 15–16; June 19–20
North Sumner Strait (106-43)	June 15–16; June 19–21
Steamer Point (106-30)	June 15–16; June 19–21
Snow Pass (106-41)	June 15–16; June 19–22
Ernest Sound (107-10)	June 15–24
Chichagof Pass (108-10)	Closed for season
Craig Point (108-40)	Closed for season

Chatham Strait area:

Little Port Walter (109-10)	June 15–16; June 19–21
Tebenkof Bay (109-62)	Closed for season
Frederick Sound (110-31)	June 15–24
Chatham Strait (112-12)	June 18–21
Hawk Inlet (112-65)	June 15–16; June 19–21

Sitka area:

Western Channel (113-01)	June 15; June 19
Redoubt Bay (113-30)	June 15; June 19
Biorka (113-31)	June 19
Goddard (113-32)	June 15–16; June 19–20
Sitka Sound (113-41)	June 15–24
Salisbury Sound (113-62)	June 15–16; June 19–21

Pelican/Icy Strait area:

Lisianski Inlet (113-95)	June 15–16; June 19–21
Stag Bay (113-97)	June 15–24
Point Sophia (114-27)	June 15–16; June 19–21
Port Althorp (114-50)	June 15–16; June 20–21

Yakutat area:

Yakutat Bay (183-10)	June 15; June 22
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As previously announced June 1, the following spring fisheries will open in the Cross Sound/Icy Strait/Northern Chatham Areas:

Cross Sound (114-21)	June 15–24
South Passage (114-23)	June 15–24
Homeshore (114-25)	June 15–24
Point Couverden (114-25-01)	June 15–16; 19–22
Northern Chatham Strait (112-16)	June 15–16; 19–22

Superseding the June 1 troll announcement, **Chinook salmon may be retained in the Cross Sound, South Passage, and Homeshore areas.** The Point Couverden and Northern Chatham Strait areas are open to chum and pink salmon retention only.

MODIFIED BOUNDARIES:**MOUNTAIN POINT AREA (101-45):**

The waters of George and Carroll Inlets north of the latitude of Mountain Point at 55°17.57' N. lat., and south of the latitude of the George Inlet cannery site at 55°23.00' N. lat., and all waters of Carroll Inlet are open.

FREDERICK SOUND AREA (110-31):

Beginning June 1, the Frederick Sound area was extended to include those waters of District 10 that are north and west of a line from Wood Point (56°59.75' N. lat., 132°56.95' W. long.) to Beacon Point, excluding waters of Farragut Bay north and east of a line from Bay Point to Grand Point and also excluding those waters of Thomas Bay that are north and east of a line from Point Vandeput (57°01.25' N. lat., 133°00.00' W. long.) to Wood Point.

TERMINAL HARVEST AREAS:**NEETS BAY THA (101-95):**

Beginning Sunday, June 11, the Neets Bay THA expands to include those waters of Neets Bay east of the longitude of Chin Point to the closed waters at the head of the bay. The closed waters at the head of the bay are those waters east of 131°29.86' W. long., until the barrier net is in place; at that time, the closed waters are those waters east of the barrier net.

KENDRICK BAY THA (102-15):

The Kendrick Bay Terminal Harvest Area will be open to troll and purse seine gear from June 15 through September 30 to allow for harvest of hatchery-produced chum salmon. The Kendrick Bay THA is closed to the retention of Chinook salmon.

SILVER BAY THA (113-35):

The waters of Silver Bay east of a line from Entry Point Light at 57°01.98' N lat., 135°15.00' W long., to Silver Point at 57°00.82' N. lat., 135°18.10' W. long., will remain open to troll gear as part of the Sitka Sound spring fishery. All fish harvested in this area should be coded on fish tickets under the Sitka Sound fishery area, 113-41. The waters of bear cove will remain closed as described in 5 AAC 33.375(b). The waters described above will re-open as the Silver Bay THA beginning July 1.

DEEP INLET THA (113-38):

From May 28 through June 17, the waters of Deep Inlet west of 135°20.75' W. long., are open continuously to troll gear as part of the THA, with waters east of 135°20.75' W. long., open to troll gear following the rotational schedule. On June 18, all waters of the Deep Inlet THA will follow the rotational schedule, with openings for troll gear on Saturdays.

ICY STRAIT TROLL LOGBOOK PROGRAM:

The department is soliciting participation in a troll logbook pilot program that will be conducted during the 2017 spring troll fisheries in the Homeshore and Point Couverden areas. This program is being implemented to help estimate encounter rates of juvenile Chinook salmon in the directed troll chum fisheries in Icy Strait. Participants are asked to document all salmon caught in either of these spring troll areas. Port sampling staff will be available for logbook collection and distribution in Sitka, Hoonah, Juneau and Pelican. Logbook participants will be compensated \$100 for five days of catch information. Trollers interested in participating may contact program coordinators Grant Hagerman (747-6688) or Anne Reynolds Manney (465-2444).

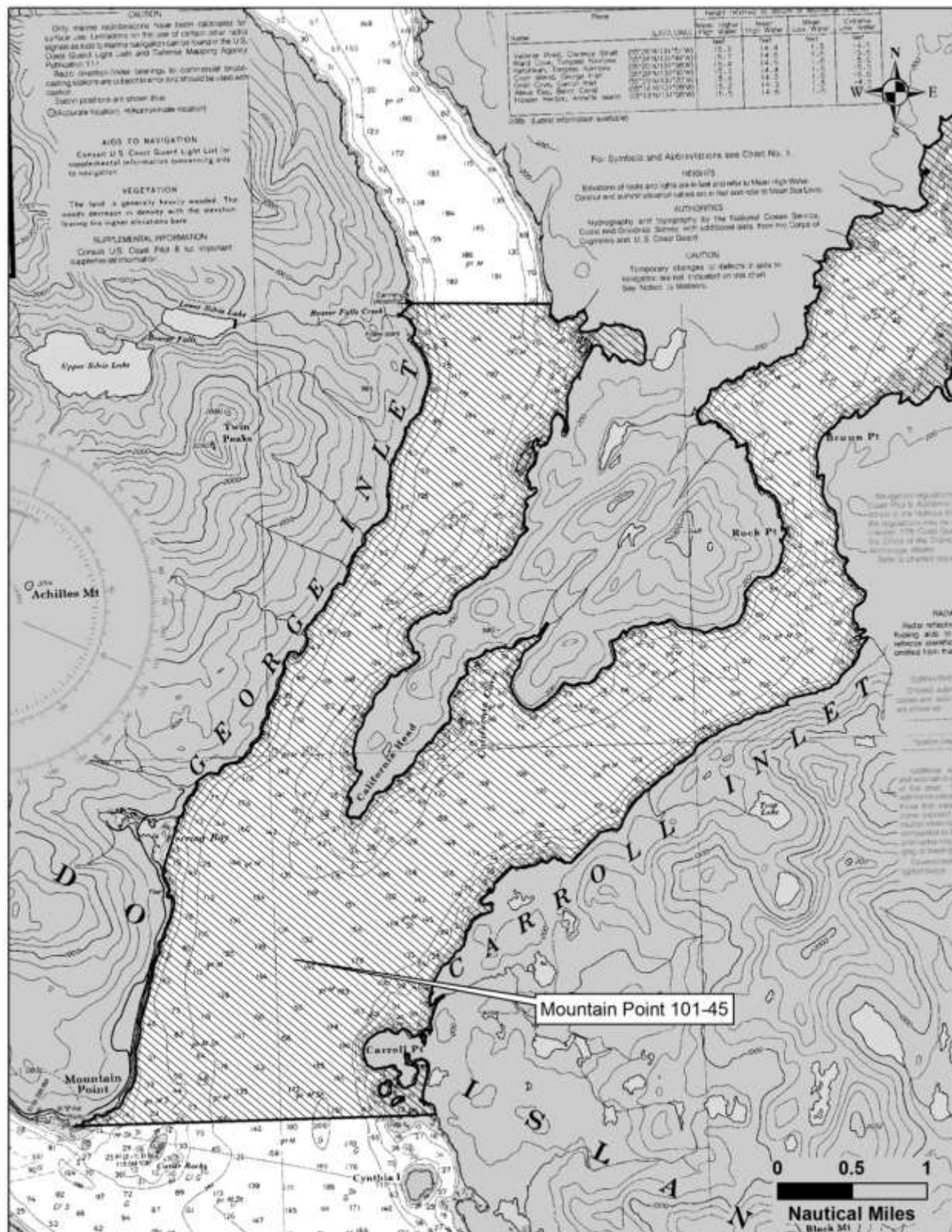
SALMON RETENTION BY SPECIES AND ADIPOSE FIN-CLIPPED SALMON:

Retention of coho salmon began June 1. Chum, pink, and sockeye salmon may be retained year-round. The heads of all adipose fin-clipped salmon must remain attached to the fish until the fish are sold [5 AAC 29.140 (b)]. Permit holders who freeze their catch onboard are asked to contact the department prior to fishing so that sampling and fish ticket issues can be discussed. An **Exemption Permit** is required to allow the removal of heads from Chinook salmon harvested in the spring areas prior to delivery.

It is extremely important to keep fish caught in different fishery areas separated so that accurate dockside sampling can occur by department personnel. If more than one area is fished, each troller and tender is required to keep and report these catches separately on **separate fish tickets** [5 AAC 29.090(k)]. The fishery name and the fishery area number must be reported on all fish tickets.

The Emergency Orders corresponding with this announcement are 1S0217, 1S0817.

Opening dates for fisheries during the week of June 25 will be announced in a future news release. Maps and further details are provided in the 2017 Spring Troll Management Plan, which is available in area offices and online.



Modified Mountain Point spring troll fishery boundary.

News releases web site: <http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=cfnews.main>.

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